

Media Release



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Final call; have your say for carers in New South Wales

Carers NSW is making a final call for anyone who takes care of a family member or friend to have their say and complete the Carers NSW 2014 Carer Survey no later than 30th June. Every response will contribute directly to the support of carers and Carers NSW advocacy work.

There are approximately 850,000 known carers in New South Wales alone. Carers being people who provide unpaid care and support to a family member or friend who has a disability, mental illness, drug and/or alcohol dependency, serious or terminal illness, chronic condition, or who is frail.

Carers NSW is a state wide organisation with an exclusive focus on supporting and advocating for all carers in New South Wales and are funded by the New South Wales and Australian Governments.

Carers NSW CEO, Elena Katrakis, said, "The purpose of this research is to identify and highlight carers' strengths and the challenges they face in caring for a family member or friend"

"To inform our actions, we must identify the areas of greatest need amongst carers across New South Wales and the particular needs of the different carer groups. For example this could be different geographic locations or care recipient conditions" said Ms Katrakis.

This study is being conducted by Carers NSW in collaboration with researchers from the University of Wollongong, UNSW Australia, Macquarie University, University of Sydney and University of Western Sydney.

The survey is completely anonymous and results will be published in a publicly available Carers NSW report as well as in a number of peer reviewed journal articles and presentations at relevant conferences.

To complete the survey:

Please visit our website before 30 June to complete the Carer Survey <http://www.carersnsw.org.au/>

For further information:

Please view the Participant Information sheet available here;

<http://www.carersnsw.org.au/Assets/Files/Introductory%20Letter%20and%20PIS%20FINAL.pdf>

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